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# APPENDIX I.

[Vide answer to starred question No. 276 asked by Sri S. M. Annamalai at the meeting of the Legislative Assembly held on 11th March 1960, page 158 supra.]

A.—The allotments made during 1956-57 to 1958-59 and the number of villages electrified during the period are as follows :—

Year.	Budget Estimate.	Revised Estimate.	Actual expenditure.	Number of villages electrified.
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1956-57 ..	490	555	514	1,279
1957-58 ..	446	441	438	1,301
1958-59 ..	306	447	554	1,397

The budget allotments are regulated with reference to the expenditure already incurred and the balance available within the plan ceiling. It may however be observed that even though there has been a reduction in the budget allotment, the number of villages electrified has progressively increased from year to year. This is due to—

(1) Use of less costly supports such as R. C. poles, wood poles and palmyrah poles in the place of steel supports and less costly ACSR and Aluminium conductors in the place of Copper conductors.

(2) Long high tension lines having already been erected in earlier years, electrification of villages en-route involves only tapping of these main lines, thus reducing the cost on H. T. lines in the rural electrification programme.

(3) More and more additional applicants coming forward to avail supply in the existing distributions and this means more and more service connections with smaller capital outlay.